



# **Crisis Planning and Exercise on a Budget**

**Presented by Chatham County**

Putting the pieces together utilizing all agencies  
to enhance the safety of our schools



# School Crisis Plan History

- Each section is divided into groups so to expedite the responders in finding the information
- Front page give you general reference data such as
  - Name of the school
  - Address
  - Coordinates
  - Last updated data



# School Crisis Plan

- Section 1 – give you vital information concerning the schools such as:
  - Lock Box Location
  - Site Access Locations
  - Total number of students and staff on campus
  - Type of Building
  - Number of stories
  - Ventilation
  - Power Company
  - Security Alarm
  - Hydrants
  - Type of Gas used.ETC.



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- Section 2 gives you the emergency notification such as:
- We always have a primary and a backup for each position to contact
- We also include the School Crisis Team members and SIMS personnel for accountability



# School Crisis Plan

- Section 3 is Direction and control and everyone's responsibility
- Each agency is responsible for their portion of the plan
- Location of Command post on and off site, if needed
- This portion also goes along with section 7 which is a checklist to ensure all action items have been accomplished





# School Crisis Plan

- Section 3 Also includes:
  - Staging area locations (primary and secondary)
  - Crowd control
  - Primary and Secondary student pick up areas



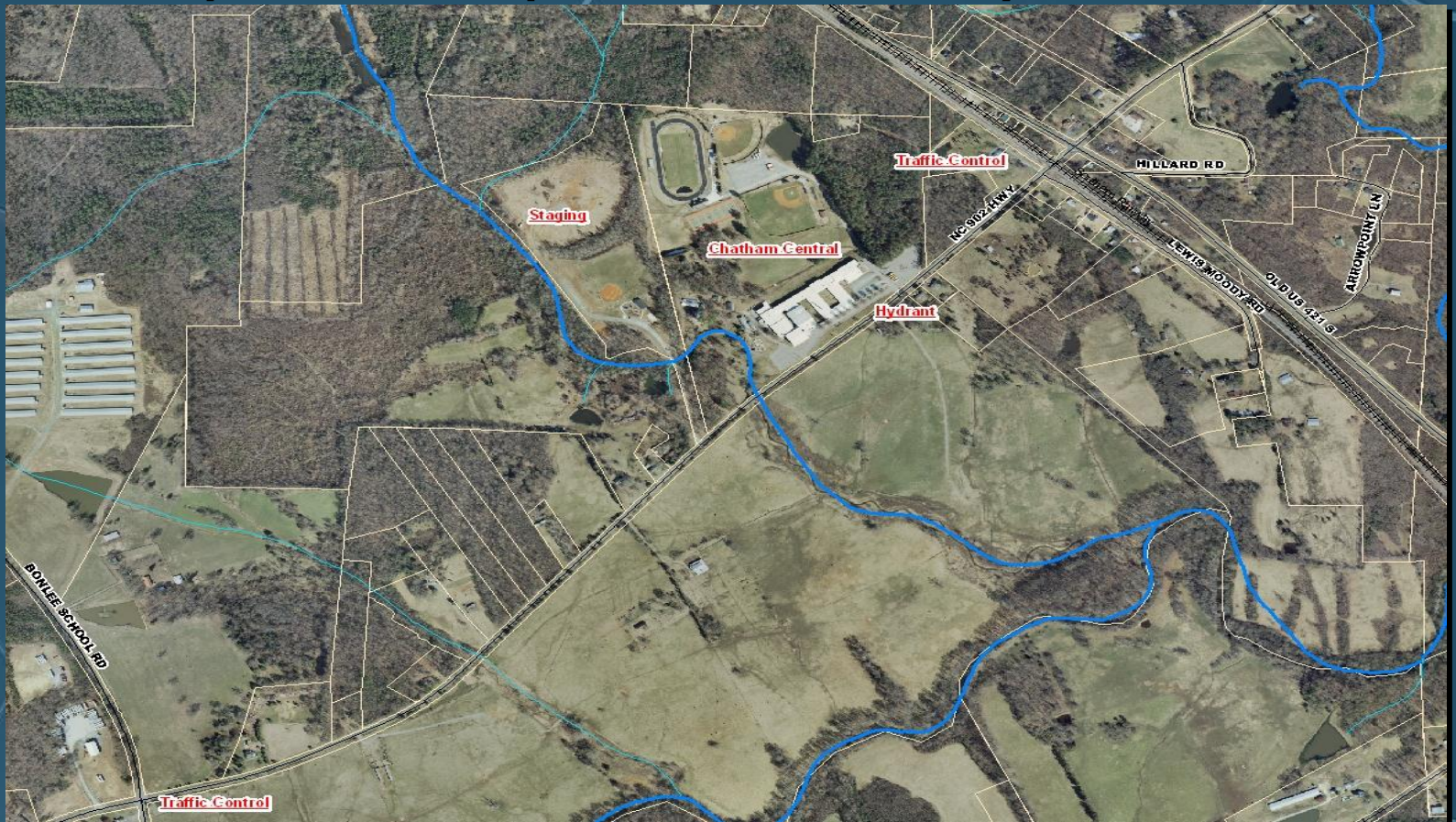
# School Crisis Plan

- Section 4 covers evacuation items such as:
  - Evacuation procedures
  - Student gather sites
  - Hydrants
  - Gas, power, electrical shut offs
  - Maps with areas clearly marked
  - Buses for evacuation from other schools, and what school is providing buses
  - The number of buses needed at each school





- Example of Map Items clearly marked







# School Crisis Plan

- Section 6
- This section covers additional resources if needed such as:
  - Chatham Counseling Center
  - Health Department
  - SBI



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- Section 8 covers a variety of items such as:
  - Recommended actions for a traumatic event
  - Bomb threat
  - Exercising the Code Blue drills
  - Actions the school will be taking to get back to a normal day.
- Checklist for all items

# Planning / Staging







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1-Commons Courtyard 1 09:19:46.689 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013



4-Junior Hall 2 09:24:32.019 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013





4-Junior Hall 2 09:25:35.699 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013







5-Sophomore Hall 3 09:26:49.248 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013





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8-Auditorium Lobby 1 09:31:51.008 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013





8-Auditorium Lobby 1 09:31:55.099 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013







# Debriefing



8-Auditorium Lobby 1 09:58:00.948 AM (GMT-4:00) 8/23/2013



# Lessons Learned

- Since we started the process we have changed or added the following:
  - Mobile unit for a Command Post added
  - Additional officers in the school added
  - All doors now are able to lock
  - Cameras in the schools that also will allow the command unit to view the camera
  - Security system where the front desk must see and speak to the visitor before they enter the school.





# Lessons Learned

- Recommend: Spend the money to have video done professionally. This works great for training
- Accountability; ensuring every school has the resources needed to account for every person if needed
- Ensuring the adequate number of resources such as buses being assigned to each school



# Lessons Learned

- All players are responsible for their information entered into the plan.
- Form a working committee from all agencies (school / emergency responders etc. ) to update the plans and set up exercises
- Include all players when planning the exercises to determine everyone's needs



# Lessons Learned

Committee is currently working on:

- Panic buttons
- Camera Placements
- General Vulnerability for each site
- Issues that arise at each facility, such as irate parents and how to handle the issue
- Communications between the school, bus, administrative staff, and emergency responders.





# Questions?